



2023 FEARLESS RED

NAPA VALLEY

- Release Date:** January, 2026
- Production:** 10 Barrels
- Varietal:** 42% Zinfandel, 22% Petite Sirah, 19% Merlot, 8% Grenache, 6% Malbec & 3% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Vineyards:** Luvisi-Calistoga, Hambrecht-Dry Creek Valley, Oso-Pope Valley, Somerston-Napa Valley, Paras-Mt. Veeder, Calla Lily-Pope Valley & Star-Rutherford
- Winemaking:** Justin and Seana Stephens, Proprietors
Kirk Venge, Winemaker
Andrew Bohi, Director of Operations
- Cooperage:** Aged for 18 months in both French and American oak, 30% new.
- Vintage Notes:** In 2023, Napa Valley experienced one of the longest growing seasons in several decades. A cool, wet spring delayed bud break and while summer temperatures did eventually show up in July, it was a steady mild heat that caused the vines to progress gradually. As a result, the valley began the harvest season approximately 3-4 weeks behind what would be considered a normal schedule. Thankfully, the weather was beautifully consistent throughout the fall, allowing for extended hang times to achieve perfect ripeness and flavor development. This was the proverbial goldilocks vintage, allowing us to choose our moment with each site, resulting in stirring and memorable wines across our portfolio.
- Wine Notes:** In 2007 when we were still a very new project, we had the opportunity to source Syrah from a friend, and while we knew the vineyard to be excellent, Syrah was new territory. That said, it is best to take opportunities when they are offered, so we took the plunge and then held our breath. Those familiar with the 2007 vintage will know that what we had was excellent, but also abundant! So, we took some of that plentiful Syrah and built a blend alongside Zinfandel and Petite Sirah. This was the first production of Fearless Red and ever since we have continued this tradition of making a fun, delicious and unique blend sourcing grapes from tiny vineyards across Napa and Sonoma counties.
- Tasting Notes:** The 2023 Fearless is a joy from the start, with a berry box of rich brambled fruit rising from the glass alongside hints of cherry tart, vanilla, garam masala and cured meat adding complexity and style. The palate rushes forward with bright raspberry and dense cherry notes, met by pleasing acidity and spice on the midpalate and a delicate frame of fine oak lending structure and the promise of many perfect pairings.
- Aging Advice:** Fearless Red is made to be enjoyed readily and often, especially with friends. With a blend of this nature there is great joy to be found while it is still quite young, though never hesitate to also set a few bottles down as with age comes additional refinement and this wine will easily improve for 5 to 7 years.